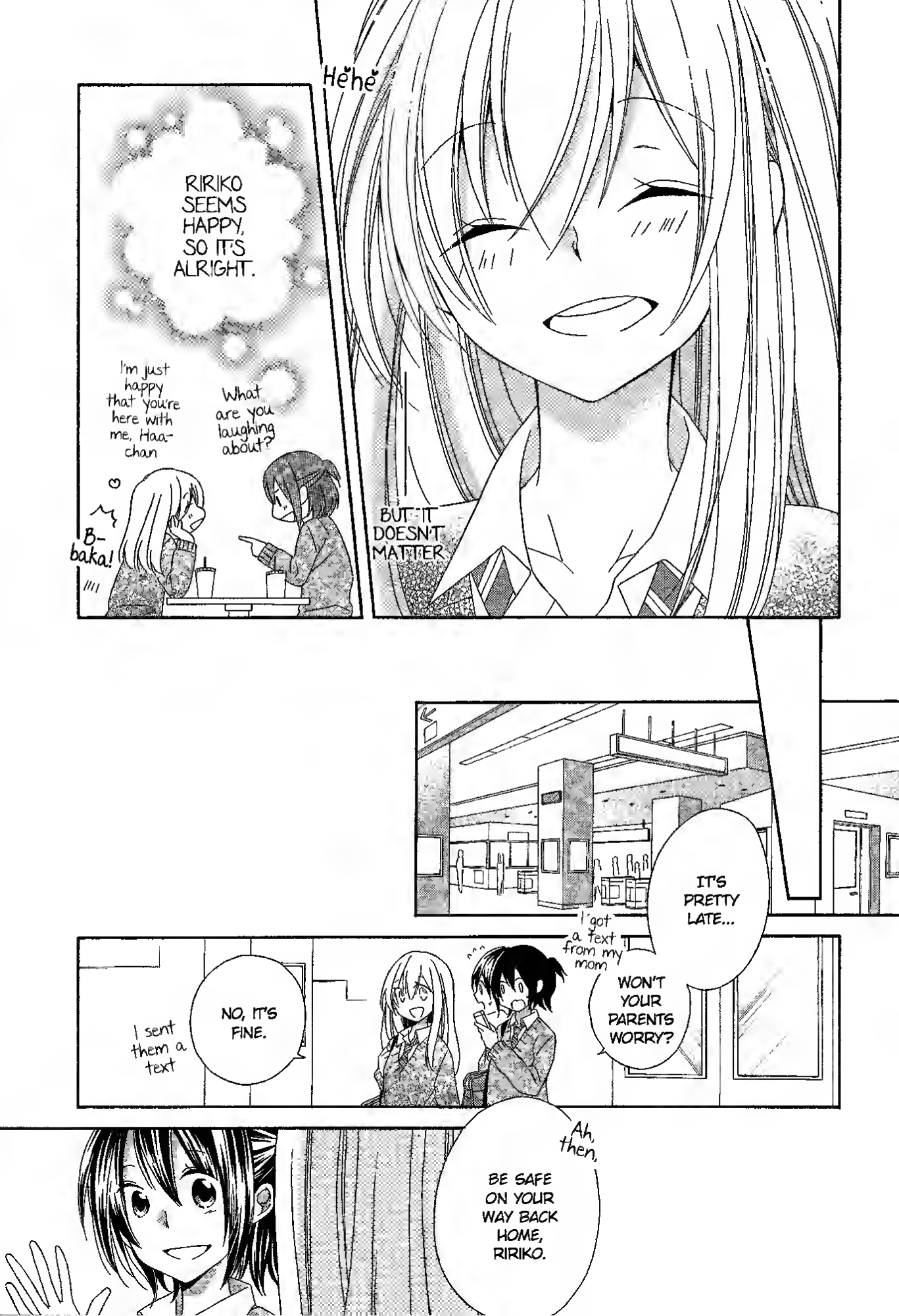
HAA-CHAN...
GRAB
UHM...
HOW ABOUT... WE...
START DATING...?
HM?
WHY IS MY BEST FRIEND CONFESSING TO ME ——————?!?!

キスからはじまるコイゴコロ
A LOVE AWAKENED BY A KISS

NO
NO NO NO... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WE'RE BOTH GIRLS, AREN'T WE?
Haha no way
WE ARE, BUT... I CAN'T HELP THAT I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU, HAA-CHAN.
...OR
SNIFFLE
DO YOU... HATE ME?
Tha-
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT...!
Ugh...
It's not fair when you make that face...
THEN THERE'S NO PROBLEM ♥
WHA-?!
AL-RIGHT~
yaddy
IT'S DECIDED~♥
WAI-RIRIKO!!
AND JUST LIKE THAT

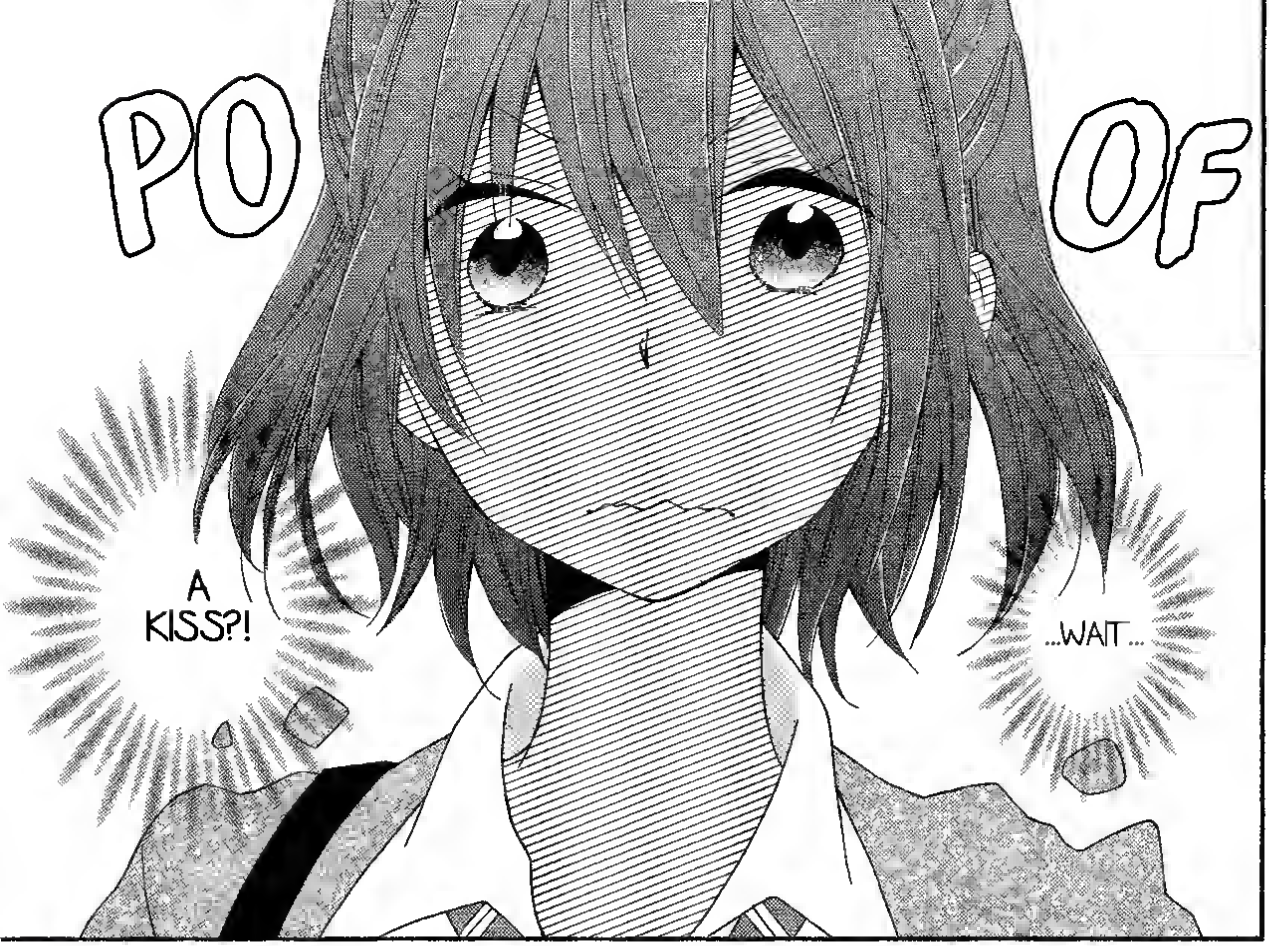
I THOUGHT "DATING" MEANT YOU DID DIFFERENT AND MORE SPECIAL THINGS TOGETHER,

MAYBE I WAS JUST OVERTHINKING IT...


Hehe
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER
RIRIKO SEEMS HAPPY, SO IT'S ALRIGHT.
I'm just happy that you're here with me, Haa-chan
What are you laughing about?
B-baka!
IT'S PRETTY LATE...
I got a text from my mom
WON'T YOUR PARENTS WORRY?
I sent them a text
NO, IT'S FINE.
Ah, then,
BE SAFE ON YOUR WAY BACK HOME, RIRIKO.

ROW
SIGH
SEE YOU TOMOR-

...WHAT?
Fufu
ALRIGHT, HAA-CHAN,
SEE YOU TOMORROW!
DAZED
...HUH?
DID SHE JUST...
—— KISS... ME?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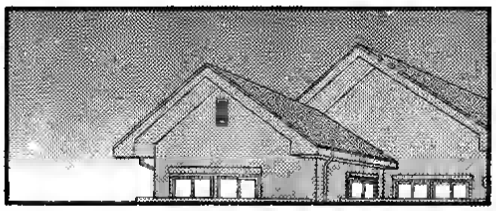
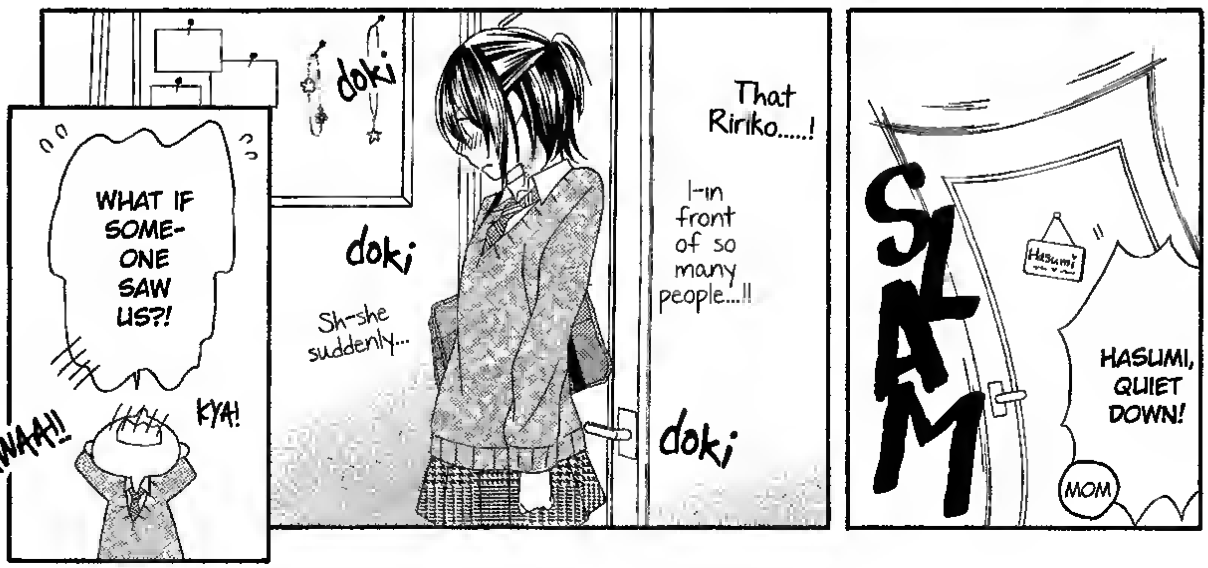
A KISS?!
...WAIT...




doki
That Ririko.....!
I-in front of so many people...!!
doki
Sh-she suddenly...
doki
WHAT IF SOME-ONE SAW US?!
KYA!
UWAAH!!
SLAM
Hasumi
HASUMI, QUIET DOWN!
MOM

NOT TO MENTION, I'D NEVER EVEN CONSIDERED THAT MY FIRST KISS WOULD BE WITH A GIRL, MUCH LESS WITH RIRIKO...

IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN A MORE... LIKE, ROMANTIC SITUATION, OR SOMETHING.

I'm a maiden after all

AGONY

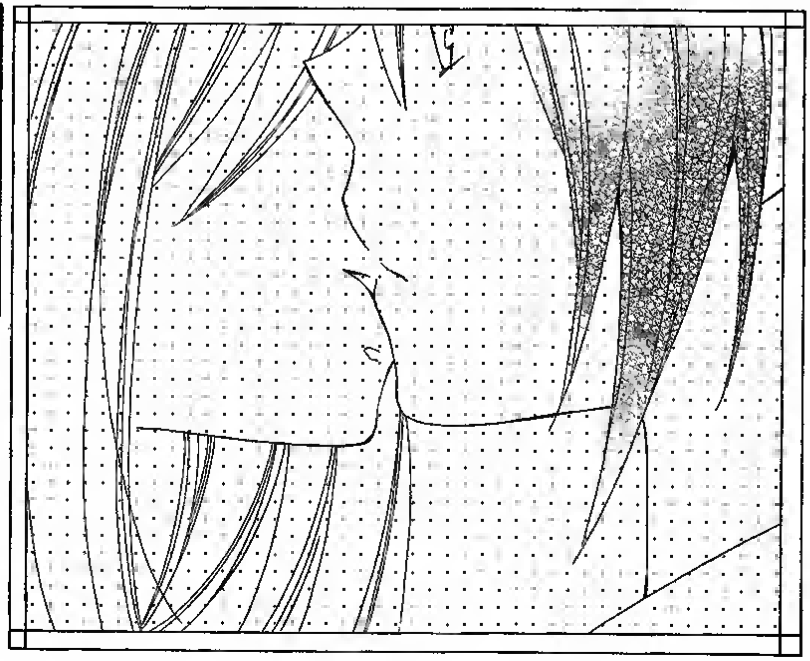
ANGUISH

WAS IT REALLY OKAY TO HAVE IT JUST TAKEN AWAY LIKE THAT...?

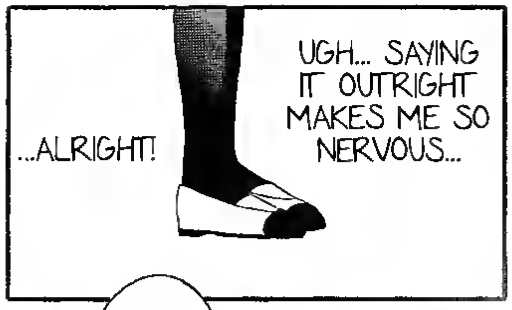
Doki

BUT...

Doki



Doki
Doki
SO...
I MEAN, I DIDN'T DISLIKE IT.
IT'S JUST, EVER SINCE THEN, MY HEART'S BEEN BEATING LIKE CRAZY.
DOES THIS MEAN
Doki
WHAT I THINK IT MEANS?
I WONDER...
IF I TOLD RIRIKO HOW I'M FEELING RIGHT NOW,
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF FACE SHE WOULD MAKE...
WOULD IT BE HER USUAL BEAMING SMILE?
OR, WOULD SHE BE SO HAPPY THAT SHE STARTS TO CRY?
I WANT TO
SEE HER SOON


UGH... SAYING IT OUTRIGHT MAKES ME SO NERVOUS...
...ALRIGHT!

RIRIKO, GOOD MORNING!
Ah
GOOD MORNING, HAA-CHAN.

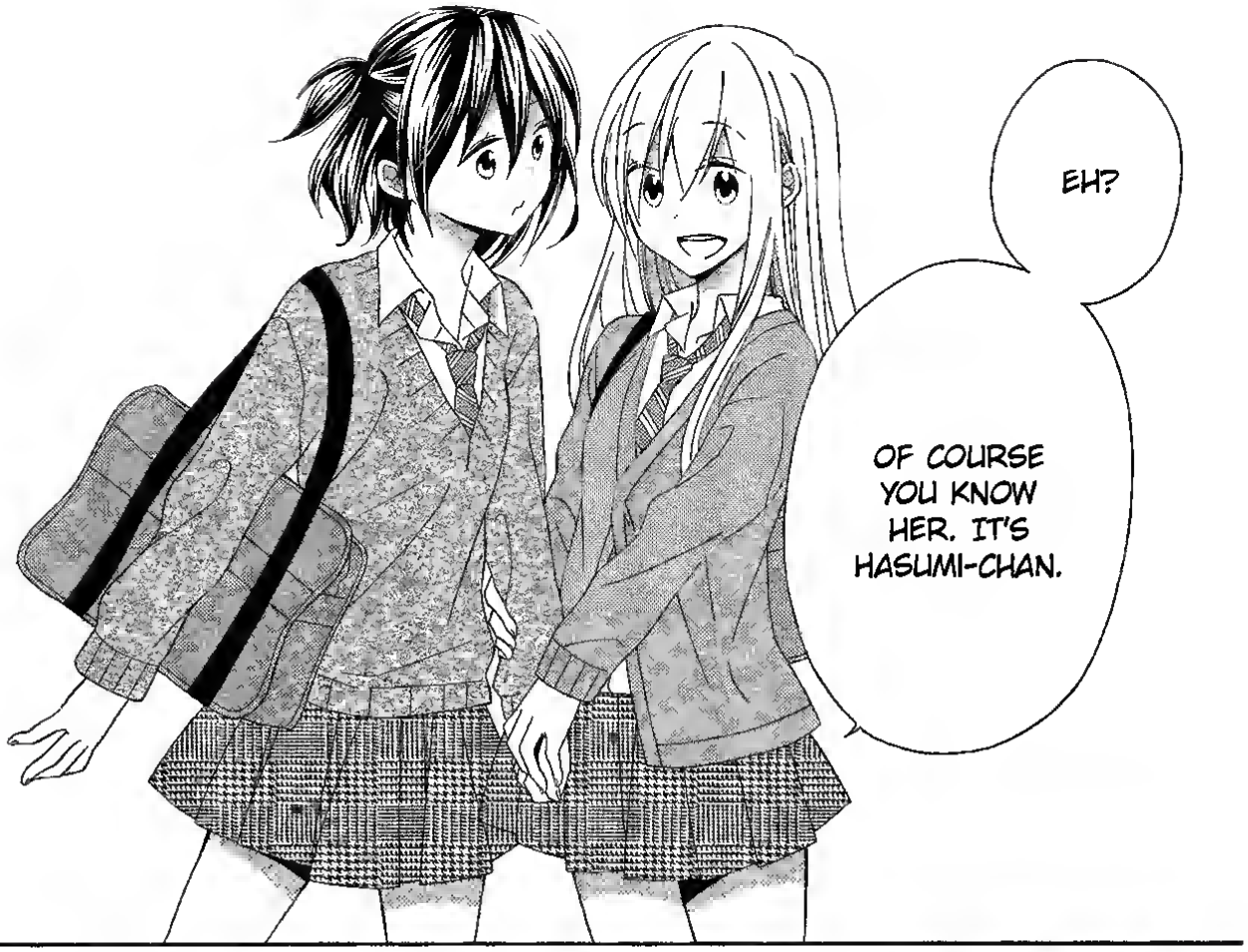
UHM, RIRIKO-
H-HEY! MISAKI-SAN!

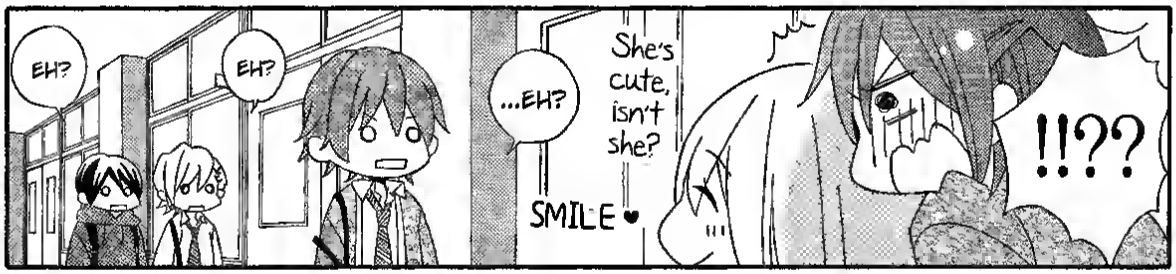
Haha...
AAH... CAN'T SAY ANYTHING, BUT SHE'S WITH ME, HAGI-WARA...
Sorry

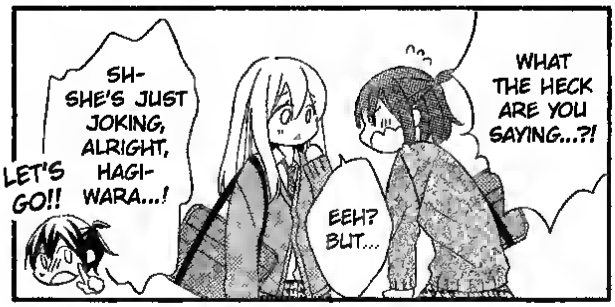
U-UHM... ARE YOU... SEEING ANYONE RIGHT NOW, MISAKI-SAN?
IF YOU'RE NOT, THEN HOW ABOUT THIS WEEKEND... UHM...

FIDGET
Good luck!
SHUFFLE
Aah
HAGIWARA-KUN, GOOD MORNING~
What's up?

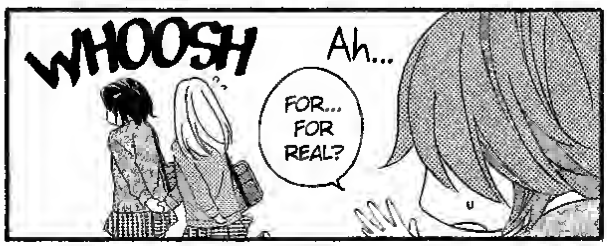
YEAH, I'M SEEING SOMEONE.
SHOCK
HA?
EH?! WH-WHO IS IT?!
Is it someone I know?


EH?
OF COURSE YOU KNOW HER. IT'S HASUMI-CHAN.


EH?
EH?
...EH?
She's cute, isn't she?
SMILE
!!??

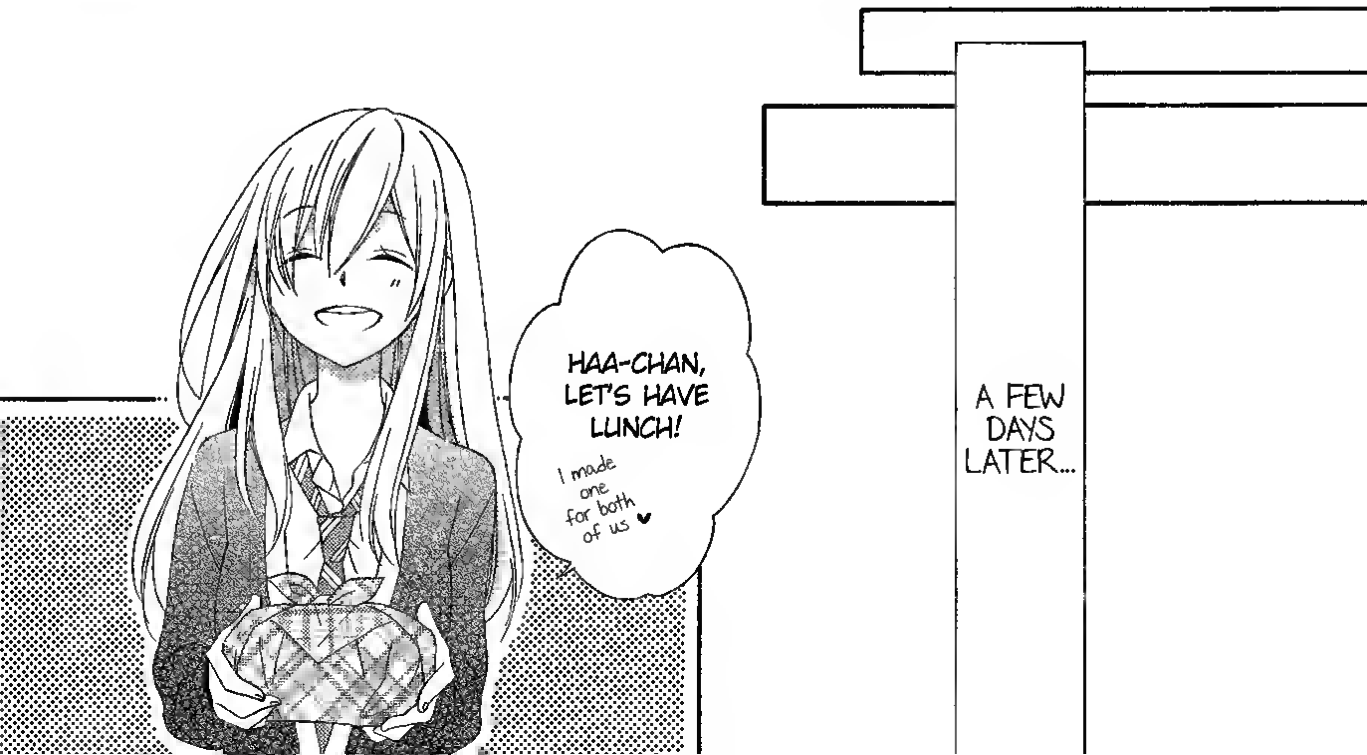

SH- SHE'S JUST JOKING, ALRIGHT, HAGI- WARA...!
LET'S GO!!
EEH? BUT...
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU SAYING...?!

SO, I'M SORRY.
WAI- RIRIKO!!

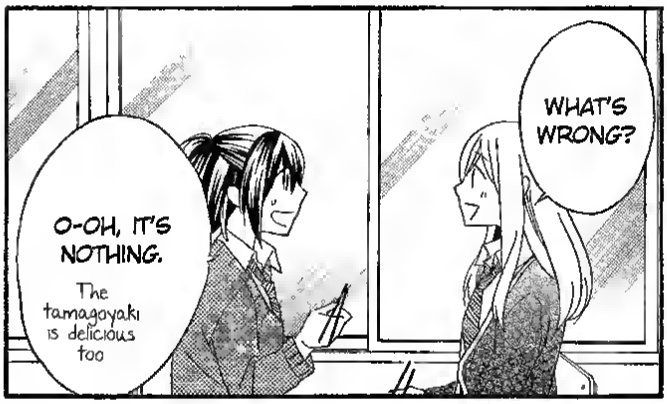

WHOOSH
Ah...
FOR... FOR REAL?

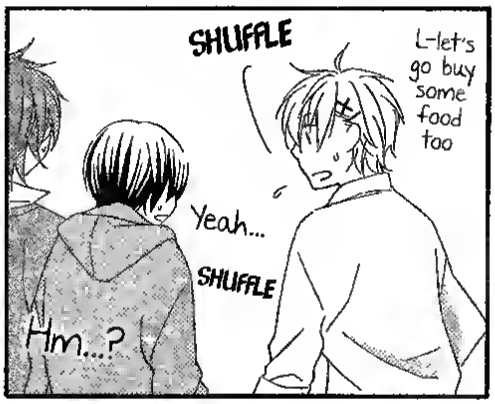
STILL, NORMALLY, YOU WOULDN'T TELL ANYONE THAT YOU'RE DATING ANOTHER GIRL!
Haa-chan, you're scaring me...
BUT HE ASKED ME... IF I WAS SEEING ANYONE...
WHY ARE YOU TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT THAT?!
IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, HAA-CHAN, I WON'T SAY IT ANYMORE...
...I DON'T REALLY CARE — BUT
WHAT'LL WE DO IF A BUNCH OF RUMORS START FLOATING AROUND...
Damn...
SIGH...
Please don't be angry ♥
I'M SORRY.

I REALLY COULDN'T FIND THE RIGHT MOMENT...
THIS REALLY WASN'T WHAT I WANTED TO SAY TO HER...
MAN...
BUT YOU'RE REALLY CUTE WHEN YOU GET EMBARRASSED LIKE THAT, HAA-CHAN ♥
WAI-
WHOA!
STOP MESSING AROUND!
DING
DONG
DING
DONG
The bell's ringing
C'MON, WE'RE LATE FOR CLASS!


A FEW DAYS LATER...
HAA-CHAN, LET'S HAVE LUNCH!
I made one for both of us ♥

Whisper
THEY REALLY..
Knock it off you guys
Whisper
NO, BUT...
YOU'LL BECOME A GREAT WIFE, RIRIKO.
Itadakimasu~
IT'S A BENTO FILLED WITH LOVE~
I recommend the chicken teriyaki
WHOA~! IT LOOKS SO TASTY~!


WHAT'S WRONG?
O-OH, IT'S NOTHING.
The tamagoyaki is delicious too

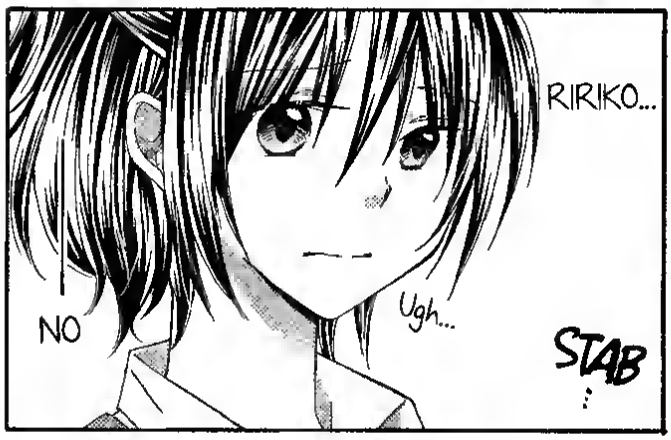

SHUFFLE
L-let's go buy some food too
Yeah...
SHUFFLE
Hm...?

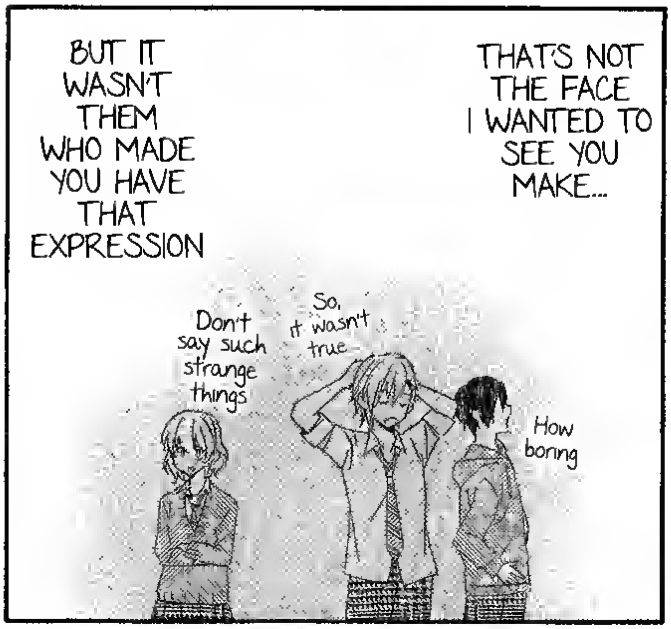
NO, FOR REAL! SHE TOLD ME HERSELF!

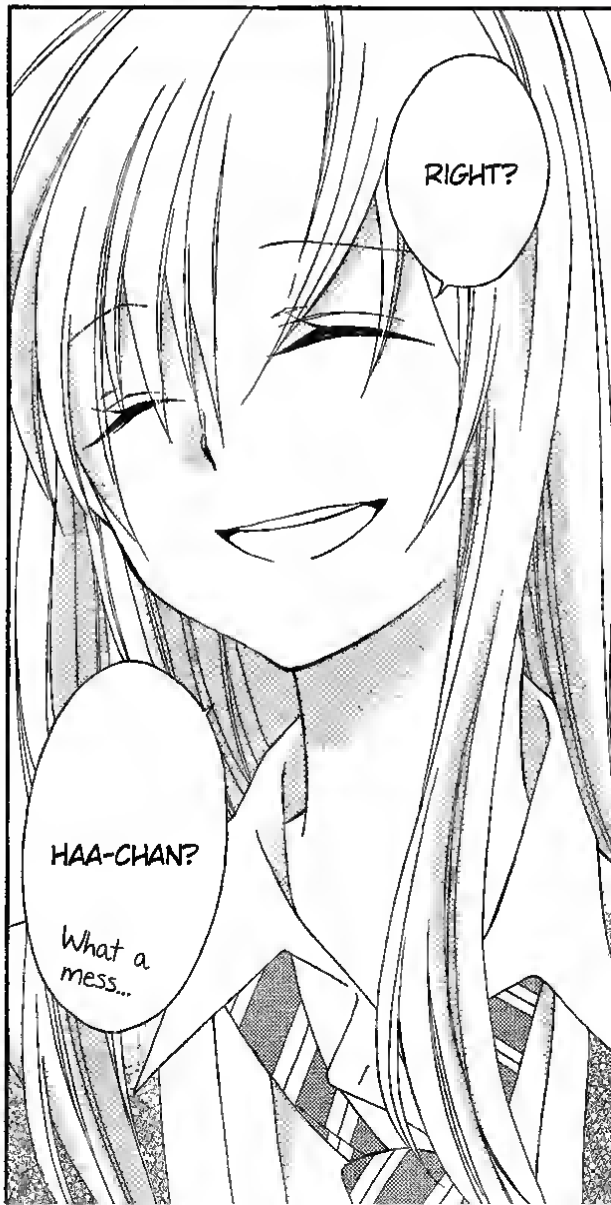
YOU'RE STILL SPOUTING THOSE LIES?

I'M TELLING YOU, SUZUDA AND MISAKI-SAN ARE DATING!!
Eeh...
Well, they do seem really close...
SUDDEN SILENCE
AH...
HASUMI... RIRIKO...
Doki
IS IT... TRUE? THAT THE TWO OF YOU ARE DATING...?
YOU ARE, AREN'T YOU?!
WHAT, ARE YOU BOTH DYKES NOW OR SOME-THING?!
WHAT IS THIS...?
Doki
WHAT SHOULD I DO...
WE'RE NOT.
Doki

I DIDN'T THINK YOU WOULD TAKE ME SERIOUSLY.
OF COURSE WE AREN'T.
EH
?


RIRIKO...
NO
Ugh...
STAB

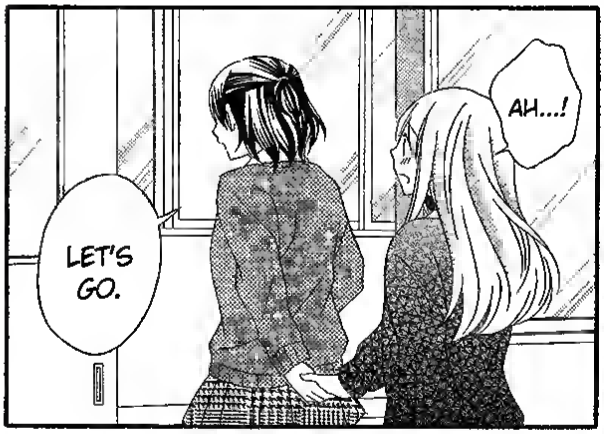

BUT IT WASN'T THEM WHO MADE YOU HAVE THAT EXPRESSION
THAT'S NOT THE FACE I WANTED TO SEE YOU MAKE...
Don't say such strange things
So, it wasn't true
How boring


RIGHT?
HAA-CHAN?
What a mess...

EVEN THOUGH I WANTED TO SEE HER BEAMING WITH JOY...
I'M SORRY, HAGIWARA-KUN,
FOR WHAT I SAID...
OH, NO... I DON'T...
IT WAS ME
WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING...?
...SHUT UP.
EH...?
...
Kyaa
A public confession
Oooh! Go get 'er, Hagi!
BUT, IF IT WASN'T TRUE,
WOULD IT BE ALRIGHT IF I GAVE IT ANOTHER SHOT...?
SHUT UP
SHUT UP.

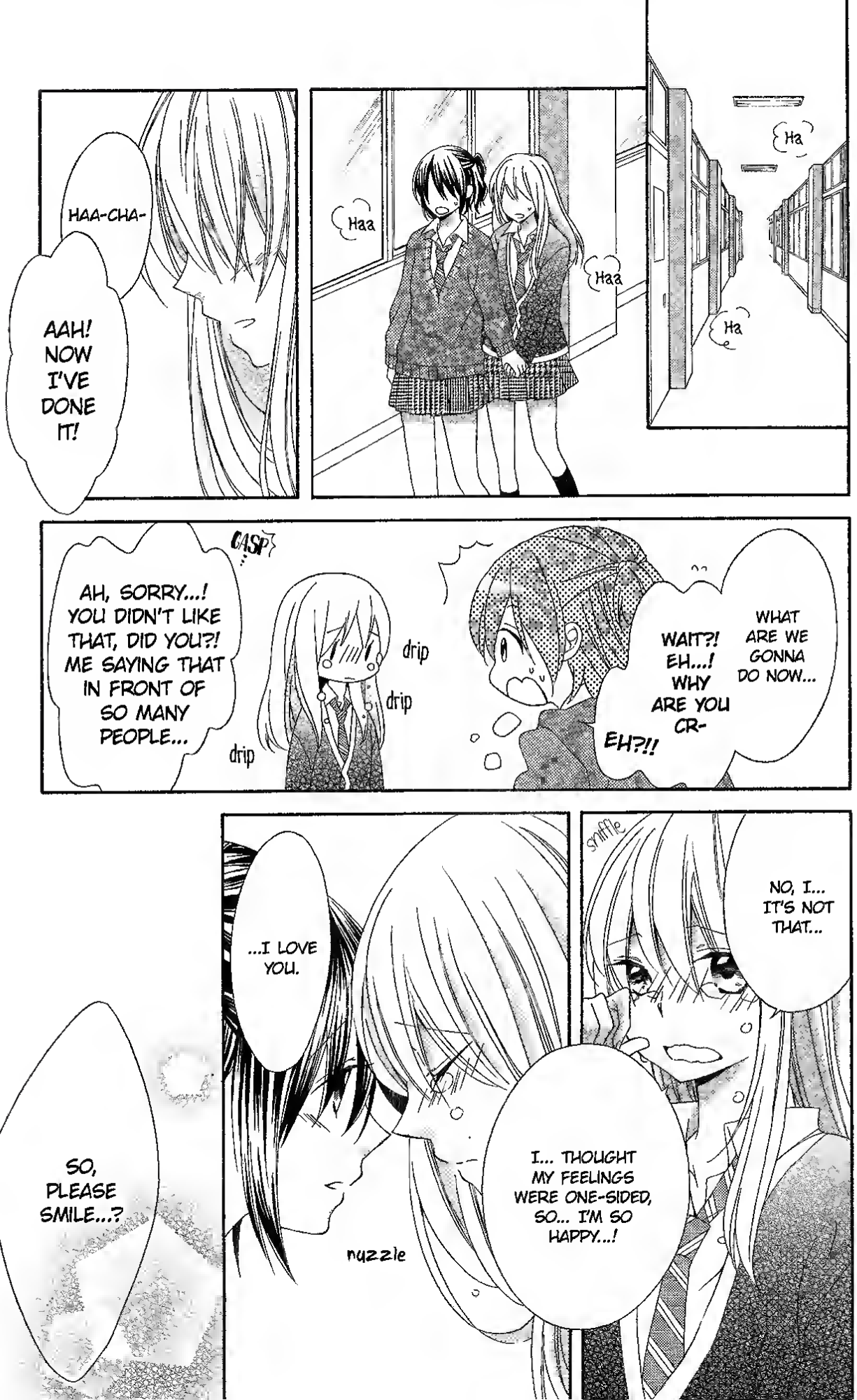
GRAB...
GASP
...!

RIRIKO IS MINE!


AH...!
LET'S GO.

AaaAa...
Pat
Pat

HAGIWARA!
UEH...?!
SORRY, BUT I'M NOT GIVING HER TO YOU!


HAA-CHA-
AAH! NOW I'VE DONE IT!
Haa
Haa
Ha
Ha
CASP
AH, SORRY...! YOU DIDN'T LIKE THAT, DID YOU?! ME SAYING THAT IN FRONT OF SO MANY PEOPLE...
drip
drip
drip
WAIT?! EH...! WHY ARE YOU CR-
EH?!!
WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO NOW...
sniffle
NO, I... IT'S NOT THAT...
I... THOUGHT MY FEELINGS WERE ONE-SIDED, SO... I'M SO HAPPY...!
...I LOVE YOU.
nuzzle
SO, PLEASE SMILE...?

YOUR SMILE.
YOU SEE, I REALLY LOVE
RIRIKO'S SMILE WAS
fu
YEAH.
Eh?!
Hey, say "I love you" again
MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN I EVER COULD HAVE IMAGINED.

...in secret.

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